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In re Patent Application of)
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Application No.: Unassigned) Examiner: Unassigned
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For: Instrument for Extroverting Blood ...)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, kindly enter the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly replace Claim 18, and add new Claim 19, as follows:

A1 -- 18. (Amended) A set of a blood vessel extroverting instrument according to claim 2 and a clip ring capable of being fitted around a blood vessel.

A2 -- 19. (New) A set of a blood vessel extroverting instrument according to claim 11 and a clip ring capable of being fitted around a blood vessel. --